

### Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005. The Office Action allowed claims 1-30 and 32-61. The Office Action rejected claims 31 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,728,484 to Ghani et al. ("Ghani") in view of "An Object Oriented Application/Programmer Interface for Network Programming" to Howell et al. ("Howell"). Claims 64 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghani in view of "A Framework for MPLS" to Callon et al. ("Callon") and "Resource ReSerVation Protocol (RSVP)" to Braden et al. ("Braden").

Applicants have canceled rejected claims 31, 62, 64, and 66 in order to expedite issuance of this application. Such cancellation of claims is without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a continuation application. Claims 63 and 65 had been canceled in the previous Amendment mailed January 27, 2005.

The foregoing amendments have been made solely to comply with objections raised in a Final Office Action. These amendments place the application in condition for allowance. As such, entry of these amendments is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1). See MPEP § 714.12.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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